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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

## LISTING OF CLAIMS:

- 1-32 (Cancelled)
- 33: (previously presented) An expression vector,
- which comprises: (a) a first coding region encoding PPIase having molecular chaperone activity, and
- (b) a region having at least one restriction enzyme site in which a second coding region encoding a desired protein can be inserted.
  - <sup>4</sup> 34. (previously presented): The expression vector according to claim 33,

wherein the first coding region is operatively linked to a promoter, and the restriction enzyme site is in the same reading frame as the first coding region, and is downstream of the first coding region.

- 35. (currently amended): The expression vector according to claim 33 or 34, which has a region being between a first coding region and a region having at least one restriction enzyme site in which a second coding region can be inserted, and is translated in the same reading frame to be a protease digestion site.
  - 36. (currently amended): An expression vector,

wherein a second coding region encoding a desired protein is inserted into the expression vector according to claim 33, 34 or 35.

37. (currently amended): The expression vector according to claim 33 34, 35 or 36, wherein the PPIase having molecular chaperone activity is FKBP-type PPIase.

- 38. (currently amended): The expression vector according to claim 33, 34, 35 or 36, wherein the PPIase having molecular chaperone activity is cyclophilin-type PPIase.
- 39. (currently amended): The expression vector according to claim 33, 34, 35 or 36, wherein the PPIase having molecular chaperone activity is parvulin-type PPIase.
  - 40. (previously presented): The expression vector according to claim 37, wherein the FKBP-type PPIase is archaebacterial FKBP-type PPIase.
- 41. (previously presented) The expression vector according to claim 40, wherein the archaebacterial FKBP-type PPIase is short type FKBP-type PPIase.
- 42. (currently amended): The expression vector according to claim 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38 or 39,

wherein the PPIase having molecular chaperone activity comprises an IF domain and/or a C-terminal domain of archaebacterial FKBP-type PPIase.

- 43. (previously presented): The expression vector according to claim 37, wherein the FKBP-type PPIase is trigger factor-type PPIase.
- 44. (currently amended): The expression vector according to claim 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38 or 39,

wherein the PPIase having molecular chaperone activity comprises a N-terminal domain and/or a C-terminal domain of trigger factor-type PPIase.

45. (previously presented): The expression vector according to claim 37, wherein the FKBP-type PPIase is FkpA-type PPIase.

46. (currently amended): The expression vector according to claim 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38 or 39.

wherein the PPIase having molecular chaperone activity comprises a N-terminal domain of FkpA-type PPIase.

- 47. (previously presented): The expression vector according to claim 37, wherein the FKBP-type PPIase is FKBP52-type PPIase.
- 48. (currently amended): The expression vector according to claim 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38 or 39,

wherein the PPIase having molecular chaperone activity comprises a C-terminal domain of FKBP52-type PPIase.

- 49. (previously presented): The expression vector according to claim 38, wherein the cyclophilin-type PPIase is CyP40-type PPIase.
- 50. (currently amended): The expression vector according to claim 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38 or 39.

wherein the PPIase having molecular chaperone activity comprises a C-terminal domain of CyP40-type PPIase.

- 51. (previously presented): The expression vector according to claim 39, wherein the parvulin-type PPIase is SurA-type PPIase.
- 52. (currently amended): The expression vector according to claim 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38 or 39,

wherein the PPIase having molecular chaperone activity comprises a N-terminal domain of SurA-type PPIase.

53. (currently amended): The expression vector according to claim 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51 or 52,

wherein the second coding region has a nucleotide sequence encoding a monoclonal antibody.

54. (currently amended): The expression vector according to claim 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51 or 52,

wherein the second coding region has a nucleotide sequence encoding a membrane protein.

55. (currently amended): A host,

which contains the expression vector according to claim 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53 or 54.

56. (previously presented): The host according to claim 55, which is Escherichia coli.

57. (previously presented) A fused protein,

which comprises PPIase having molecular chaperone activity and a desired protein.

58. (previously presented): The fused protein according to claim 57,

which comprises a protease digestion site between PPIase having molecular chaperone activity and a desired protein.

59. (currently amended): A process for producing a fused protein comprising PPIase having molecular chaperone activity and a desired protein,

which comprises making the expression vector according to claim 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53 or 54, express the fused protein.

60. (previously presented): The process for producing a fused protein according to claim 59,

which comprises culturing the host containing the expression vector under condition of expression of the expression vector, and making express the fused protein in a cytoplasm.

61. (previously presented): The process for producing a fused protein according to claim 59,

which comprises providing a region being transcribed and translated to be a signal sequence at a 5' terminus of a first coding region or a 5' terminus of a second coding region of the expression vector, and culturing a host containing the expression vector under condition of expression of the expression vector to express the fused protein in a periplasm or a medium.

62. (previously presented): The process for producing a fused protein according to claim 59,

which comprises making the expression vector express the fused protein in a cell-free translation system.

63. (currently amended): The process for producing a fused protein according to claim 59, 60, 61 or 62,

wherein the fused protein is adsorbed on a carrier harboring macrolide, cyclosporin, juglone or its analogous compound inhibiting PPIase activity, and then the carrier is recovered and the fused protein is recovered from the carrier.

64. (currently amended): A process for producing a desired protein, which comprises digesting the fused protein comprising a protease digestion site obtained by the process according to claim 59, 60, 61, 62 or 63, with a protease digesting a protease digestion site.